

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

1. ☒ Specification Total Pages 33
2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35USC 113) Total Pages 8
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 4
  - a. ☒ Unexecuted(original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed) [Note Box 4 Below]
  - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting  
Inventor(s) named in the prior appln.  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
4. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which  
a Copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box  
3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.

5. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document to follow (if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior Application,  
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
12. ☒ Certified copy(ies) of Japanese priority document(s)  
No(s). P2002-361302 filed December 12, 2002.

14. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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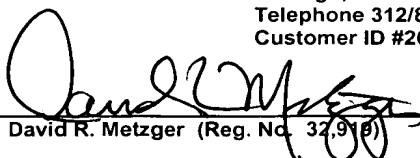
## CLAIMS AS FILED

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RE: New U.S. Application for Letters Patent entitled  
"ACOUSTIC SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
SIGNAL RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND PROGRAM"  
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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application,  
including 26 claims (6 independent), 8 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-9) and the filing fee of  
\$770.00 on behalf of

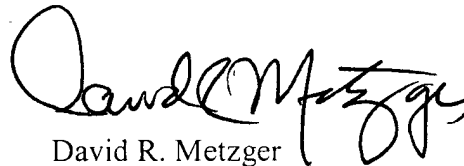
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and request that the application be assigned a serial number and filing date pursuant to the  
provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d).

Very truly yours,

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